Dear Gerry, 7/18/90

Glad you all enjoyed the visit with relatives as you did.

I can't begin to tell you how terribly bad Melanson's The Murkin Conspiracy is. After reading it and more, after also reading the ms of his mahusript on the JFK assassination, I think it is obvious he is trying to stake out a claim for ownership of those dubjects. The crap is really frightfully bad, ignoreant, egotripping and sometimes really stupid. When I read it I made a record for history because I believed that should be done. But I've made no uses of what I did in haste and disgust as I read. Only Jerry and Dave have copies. But if you want one, I'll make it. I don't want to get stirred up and I believe that any arguments might be bad for my health. ...He is also dishonest.

You refer ti Kimble. He made it all up and on its face it cannot be believed.

"No police protection was withdrawn. The police did provide an exceptionally high-level escort, not the best, and it was not withdrawn, if that is the right word, until long after repeated demands that they go from the Memphis King party. Redditt was not there to protect King, which was impossible from the firehouse, and had it been possible to protect King from there, Redditt's purpose in being there was limited to spying.

Melanson had no need to mention Foreman. He mentioned nothing about the crime, for that matter. He merely assumed Ray's guilt. As in his JFK ms. he assumed Oswald's guilt.

Perhaps worst of all other than the permeating dishonesty is the ignorance he flaunts about the spookeries. He has written about them but he knows nothing ~~all~~ at all other then he's read in silly novels or ignorant newslettrrs. Perhaps trifling books, too.

I'd like to read that Robeson biography. I knew his son was writing one but I'd not heard of Larsen's. You are correct on his having the courage of his convictions. He also displayed physical courage. What I did not tell Hanh-Trang is that in singing the song he made famous, Old Man River, he included a last stanza that is close to, for the period, revolutionary, but it is never sung....It also took courage and principle to do The Emperor Jones.

On the Vitamin E, I was told that there was controversy about its effectiveness but that separately, two clinics, one in Calif. and one in Canada had had good results in using it after venous thrombosis, the reason I started taking it. One clinic was of the Shute (phon) Brothers.

Lil, who is working on a flower bed with someone I have doing what is forbidden me, will be quite happy to get the Vietnamese tea. Thanks to Hanh-Trang.

Nothing really new here. Had a disagreeable call from Harry Livingstone, High Treason, and I'll enclose my letter telling him I don't want to hear from him. He has flipped out again.

Our best to you all,

Harold